GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF PANEL ON DRUG PRICES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panel constituted on drugs prices has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken / proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARTLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): A Joint Committee with members from the drug industry was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (C&PC) to suggest, inter alia, price monitoring or cost based pricing of drugs and Pharmaceuticals. The Joint Committee has submitted its report to the Government on 30-11-2006 and some of the recommendations have been taken into consideration while finalizing the draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy, 2006.This Policy was submitted before the Cabinet for its approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11-1-2007. It was decided that the matter may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). A Group of Ministers has thereafter been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.